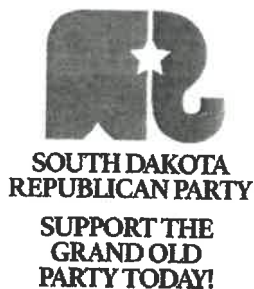


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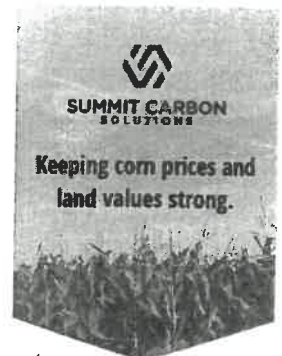
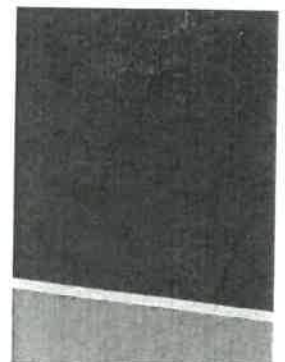
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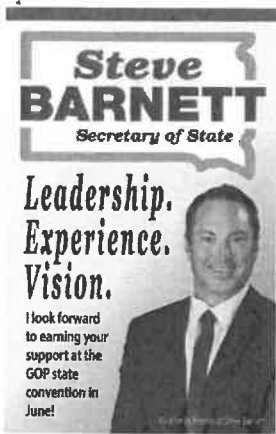
## ASBSD Insurance Bomb Finally detonates.

🕒 October 21, 2016 👤 Pat Powers

From KELOland, something I'd heard about over the course of the last decade finally happened – the great insurance death spiral that is the Associated School Boards Insurance plan finally came to greater light – and school districts are now having to pay the piper for not adequately funding the insurance pool that many of them are part of:

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Joint Approps Update May 19th- Happy to report that we voted and passed a letter of intent to develop a funding model reallocation of general funds amongst the six regental institutions and to minimize state funding disparities between institutions. The funding model shall be in place by the FY25 budget process requests. The current model of allocation of general funds has not changed since the 1980's. Great news for BHSU.



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School districts across South Dakota are in that situation. 53 districts in a health care insurance pool to cover their employees found the fund was millions of dollars in debt last year. Now the schools have to pay it back.

Since public schools are taxpayer funded that means, in part, you'll be paying it back too.

and..

The fund is managed by the Associated School Boards of South Dakota, a non-profit organization out of Pierre. It gets paid nearly \$1.5 million a year to manage several trusts, including the health insurance fund for many school districts.

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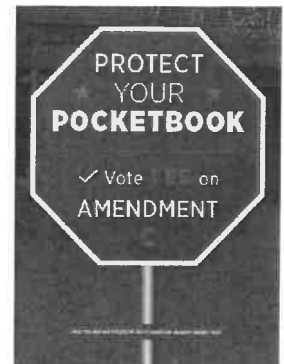
Over the last decade, the South Dakota Health Benefits fund has plunged deeper and deeper into the red. In 2005, it was \$1.4 million in debt. And last year, after the first full audit of the fund, that debt added up to \$13.6 million.

[Read it all here.](#)

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**Lee Schoenber**  
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## 21 thoughts on "ASBSD Insurance Bomb Finally detonates."



**Cliff Hadley says:**

🕒 October 21, 2016 at 4:14  
pm

Nonprofit? That's just a tax  
classification. Lots of people in  
the education blob make oodles  
of profit mismanaging tax dollars.  
The \$13.5 million shortfall is just  
business as usual in the public  
sector. Can't wait to see how the  
annual \$100 million from the  
extra half-penny gets frittered  
away.

The central question: How did  
the Associated School Boards  
mess this up for the past 10  
years and nobody called them on  
it? This wasn't a surprise to any  
of them. So which is,  
incompetence or fraud?



**Cliff Hadley**  
says:

🕒 October 21, 2016 at 4:58  
pm

CORREX last sentence:  
"So which is it,



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### » Photos from Governor Kristi Noem's post

20/05/22 01:43 from  
[Governor Kristi Noem on  
Facebook](#)

Thank you to the  
Sisseton Wahpeton  
Oyate Tribal Council  
and Chairman Hopkins  
for hosting us this  
morning. Lots of  
productive  
conversations about  
working together on  
water, sewer,  
expanding substance  
abuse treatment and  
working on more se...

### » Continuing Education Offered for Social Workers and Nursing Home Administrators

19/05/22 20:22 from  
[SDAHO](#)

conservative are we supposed to believe? Kind of getting a mixed message here.

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> Mike Lee Zitterich on Which conservative are we supposed to believe? Kind of getting a mixed message here.

> Pat Powers on And it looks like politics are pretty toxic in Aberdeen. Private Investigator calling councilwoman's babysitter regarding "City Council matters."

> Anonymous on One candidate is endorsed by Governor, another endorsed by randoms.

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incompetence or fraud?"



**Tara Volesky**  
says:

🕒 October 22, 2016 at 7:42 am  
fraud.



**Cliff Hadley**  
says:

🕒 October 22, 2016 at 10:57 am

Tara, I'm inclined to see both at play. Incompetence in overpromising on returns from investments, and fraud in hiding that fact. But I like the comment below, too: "They probably got a bonus."



**William Beal** says:

🕒 October 21, 2016 at 4:38 pm

"The fund is managed by the Associated School Boards of

SDAHO is committed to meeting the professional development needs of our members. Through live and on-demand educational webinars, Social Workers and Nursing Home Administrators may also obtain continuing education units (CE/CEU). More t...

» [Want to vote in the Republican Primary? You must be registered as a Republican by 5:00 pm, Monday, May 23rd. You may register t...](#)

19/05/22 20:17 from [South Dakota Republican Party on Facebook](#)

Want to vote in the Republican Primary? You must be registered as a Republican by 5:00 pm, Monday, May 23rd. You may register to vote at the following locations: ☒ County auditor's office ☒ Driver's license station (when you are renewi...

» [Letter from a constituent](#)

19/05/22 20:08 from [tim goodwin](#)

» [HHS Announces New Funding](#)

> And it looks like politics are pretty toxic in Aberdeen. Private Investigator calling councilwoman's babysitter regarding "City Council matters."

> One candidate is endorsed by Governor, another endorsed by randoms.

> Senator John Thune on the air with new commercial for US Senate

> Willadsen to Convention of States: Keep your contribution, I'm done with you

> Which conservative are we supposed to believe? Kind of getting a mixed message here.

South Dakota, a non-profit organization out of Pierre. It gets paid nearly \$1.5 million a year to manage several trusts, including the health insurance fund for many school districts."

Obviously, they're overpaid. If they knew about it, and failed to take appropriate action, it's not incompetence.



**oldguy says:**

🕒 October 21, 2016 at 10:25 pm

they probably got a bonus



**Lee Schoenbeck says:**

🕒 October 21, 2016 at 11:30 pm

I think there's a former legislator that they let go, that needs to explain this



**daj says:**

🕒 October 22, 2016 at 7:43 am

Having been involved as an insured, you are going in the right direction Mr. Schoenbeck.

**Opportunity to Strengthen Behavioral Health Services in Nursing Homes and Other Long-Term Care Facilities**

19/05/22 18:15 from

**SDAHO**

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing a funding opportunity of nearly \$15 million for a three-year federal grant to establish a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) program that wil...

**» Caleb is setting the record straight and voting early! Vote for Dusty Johnson in the GOP Primary!**

19/05/22 18:13 from

**@DustyJohnson on Twitter**

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**» Another attack**

19/05/22 17:31 from **SD**

**Rep. Mary Duvall**

Another attack mailer showed up today from the out-of-state group that wants to amend the U.S. Constitution. The mailer identified two bills – one from the 2019 session and one from the 2020 session





### Pat Powers

says:

🕒 October 22, 2016 at 1:52 pm

I think he "retired" as opposed to being get let go.

– that both failed to make...

» [Meet Team SDAHO: President /CEO, Tim Rave](#)

19/05/22 17:31 from

[SDAHO](#)

The South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations (SDAHO) has a rich history in our state serving as the voice for hospitals and long-term care facilities statewide. Originally formed in 1926 as the South Dakota Hospital Associati...



### Ree says:

🕒 October 22, 2016 at 8:38 pm

What legislator was that?

» [Forum Communications' Mitchell Republic checked out Manhart's social media posts from WI](#)

19/05/22 17:14 from

[Bluestem Prairie](#)

We've been following the curious case of Republican South Dakota District 1 candidate Logan Manhart, most recently in Manhart candidate integrity questioned: docs from 32CIV22-92; McCleerey vs Barnett, though we began on May 7 with Dakot...



### chief says:

🕒 October 23, 2016 at 10:13 pm

pm

Maybe it's Schoenbeck himself !



### Troy Jones says:

🕒 October 22, 2016 at 2:31 pm

The fact the liability is concentrated in just a few school districts, it could be related to how the self-insurance pool is set-up and these schools had claims which exceeded actuarial

» [SDAHO Continues to Celebrate Older Americans Month](#)

norms.

If I'm correct, it isn't fraud but allowing the deficit to get so big without earlier corrective action was let's say "unwise."

19/05/22 15:15 from

[SDAHO](#)

May is Older

Americans Month

(OAM), a celebration

that began in 1963 to

recognize older adults'

wisdom and

contributions—and to

reinforce our country's

commitment and

responsibility to ensure

that every American

has the opportunity to

ag...



### Spencer says:

🕒 October 22, 2016 at 4:37 pm

The coverage and rates were terrible because of the pool. It was like Obamacare on steroids. The ASBSD should be dissolved. It charges school districts for garbage services. Here is another scandal: employment services. The ASBSD embargoes free state job services involving school district employment positions; consequently, they can charge school districts hundreds and thousands of dollars each to post listings on their website, which looks like a webpage from 1996. Pat, you could quit your day job and charge school districts half of ASBSD's rate for the same "job services."

» [Question from a lawsuit: why didn't Hagedorn's insurance pay for Arizona treatments?](#)

19/05/22 14:46 from

[Bluestem Prairie](#)

UPDATE: At the Star

Tribune, Briana

Bierschbach has more

in Late Rep. Jim

Hagedorn's family sues

his widow for medical

expenses: Family

members of the late

U.S. Rep. Jim

Hagedorn are suing his

widow, Jennifer

Carnahan, to recoup

medical ...

» [The best kind of snow.....](#)

19/05/22 10:40 from

[Governor Kristi Noem on](#)

[Facebook](#)

The best kind of

snow.....



### Troy Jones says:

🕒 October 22, 2016 at 5:32 pm

Question: Is there anything that could have been done by the Legislature/Executive Branch

» [New filing by BLACK HILLS CORPORATION POLITICAL](#)

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Legislature/Executive Branch  
without infringing on local  
control?

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### **Pat Powers** says:

🕒 October 23, 2016 at 1:25  
pm

I don't know that State  
Government had anything  
to do with this. This was a  
group of school districts  
that thought they could do  
better than the  
marketplace.



### **grudznick** says:

🕒 October 23, 2016 at  
1:54 pm

I just bet you they  
come whining for  
more money and  
another tax  
increase.

» At the beginning  
of this week, I was  
told Speaker  
Pelosi was  
planning to bring a  
bill to the floor to  
purchase  
emergency  
formula...

19/05/22 01:56 from [Rep.](#)  
[Dusty Johnson on](#)  
[Facebook](#)

At the beginning of this  
week, I was told  
Speaker Pelosi was  
planning to bring a bill  
to the floor to purchase  
emergency formula for  
America's babies.  
Instead, the House just  
voted on a \$28 million  
bill to give more  
funding to the FDA. T...



### **Ymous** says:

🕒 October 23, 2016 at 12:38  
pm

Self insured plans can work but a  
government pool isn't in my

» There can  
never be too many  
partners in the  
quest to preserve  
peace & maintain



opinion a wise risk vs reward for us as tax payers. Fully insured plans are known risks. With multiple options in the group market I can't believe this decision was made. Getting into self insured plans is easy, getting out can be expensive and difficult.



**grudznick says:**

🕒 October 23, 2016 at 1:18 pm

Who is in charge of this fiasco?



**chief says:**

🕒 October 23, 2016 at 10:12 pm

Dr. Wade Pogony



**Troy Jones says:**

🕒 October 24, 2016 at 3:17 am

Pat,

Exactly. When it sounds to good to be true, it is usually too good to be true. On the surface, it appears some districts chose to hold more self-funded risk and they got bit.

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against tyranny.  
We should w...

19/05/22 00:44 from

@SenJohnThune on

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There can never be too many partners in the quest to preserve peace & maintain a strong defense against tyranny. We should welcome any nation that seeks to help further these goals. Sweden & Finland will offer valuable geopolitic...

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**Anonymous says:**

🕒 October 26, 2016 at 7:47 pm

Malcolm McKillop used to manage the insurance pool.

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